

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device, comprising:

an upper polarizer on a upper substrate having a color filter layer;

a lower substrate on a lower polarizer;

a liquid crystal layer disposed between the upper substrate and the lower substrate,

wherein the upper substrate, the lower substrate and the liquid crystal layer define an LCD panel;

and

a backlight device disposed opposite and adjacent to the lower polarizer for emitting light toward the lower polarizer;

wherein the lower polarizer includes a light shielding layer formed in a rectangular shape having a substantially centrally located rectangular opening along a peripheral portion of the lower polarizer to permit the light to pass through the substantially centrally located rectangular opening;

wherein the light shielding layer blocks a portion of the light traveling to four peripheral sides of the lower polarizer for minimizing constructive interference at a peripheral portion of the LCD device regardless of an assembly tolerance between the backlight device and the LCD panel; and

wherein the light shielding ~~film~~layer is formed at the same layer level as the lower polarizer and absorbs light.

7. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device according to claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer includes a coating that absorbs light.

8. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 7, wherein the light shielding layer is formed by a printed material.

9. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer extends along four peripheral sides of the lower polarizer.

10. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer is dark.

11. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer is black.

12. (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein said liquid crystal display device is a dot matrix liquid crystal display.

13. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device, comprising:
a upper polarizer on a upper substrate having a color filter layer;
a lower substrate on a lower polarizer;
a light shielding material in the lower polarizer and along a peripheral portion of the lower polarizer to minimize constructive interface at a peripheral portion of the LCD device;
a liquid crystal layer between the upper substrate and the lower substrate; and
a backlight device below the lower polarizer for emitting light toward the lower polarizer,
wherein the upper substrate, the lower substrate and the liquid crystal layer define an LCD panel, and
wherein the light shielding material blocks a portion of the light traveling to the peripheral portion of the lower polarizer regardless of an assembly tolerance between the backlight device and the LCD panel.